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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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: Examiner: R. A. Jarrett

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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

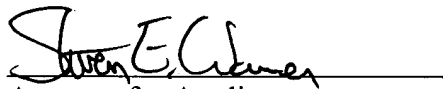
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TOTAL CLAIMS	15	MINUS	47	= 0	x \$9 \$18	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	1	MINUS	9	= 0	x \$42 \$84	\$0.00
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$0.00

- ☐ °Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed including the additional claims fee.
- ☐ Charge \$ ____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 CFR 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the fee for a two month extension is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- ☒ Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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